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1. HEADLINES JULY 18 DECLARE OPENING OF LONDON CON-
FERENCE AMID UNPRECEDENTED SECURITY. PAPERS EMPHASIZE
THAT ISRAEL'S POSITION MUST CHANGE IN ORDER FOR TALKS
TO PROGRESS; NO CHANGE IN EGYPTIAN POSITION; AND LONDON
BEGINNING OF INTENSE CONTACTS.

2. KAMEL STATEMENT. PRESS CARRIES KAMEL'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT THAT EGYPT HAS OPEN MIND TO EXPLORE ALL PATHS TO PEACE. HOPES GOI WILL SHOW SAME SPIRIT AT MEETING CONVENED AT "U.S. INITIATIVE." KAMEL NOTED HE HAS SEEN NO CHANGE IN ISRAELI POSITION AND IT MUST CHANGE FOR THERE TO BE PROGRESS.

3. ATHERTON TO RETURN. GUMHURIYYA HEADLINES ATHERTON TO RETURN TO REGION. HODA TEWFIK REPORTS HE WILL VISIT EGYPT, ISRAEL, JORDAN, AND SAUDI ARABIA, BUT GIVES NO DATES. TEWFIK ALSO REPORTS AMERICAN OFFICIALS DESCRIBING LONDON MEETINGS AS "NON-OFFICIAL" AND THAT VANCE WILL NOT CHAIR SESSIONS BUT WILL "MANAGE THE DISCUSSIONS." FURTHER ON U.S. ROLE, TEWFIK REPORTS AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAYING THAT AIM OF TALKS IN LONDON IS TO FIND BASIS FOR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS; U.S. HOPES TO BRING VIEWPOINT OF PARTIES CLOSER TOGETHER; U.S. IS NOT POSTMAN BUT A "PARTNER." CONTACTS TO CONTINUE TO FIND COMMON BASIS TO CONTINUE TALKS, TEWFIK REPORTS SAUNDERS SAYING.

4. AHRAH EDITORIAL, NOTING BEGIN PRESS STATEMENTS "ONLY FEW HOURS BEFORE START" OF LONDON TALKS, CLAIMS BEGIN USING "SAME TACTICS" HE USED TO SABOTAGE JERUSALEM TALKS. BEGIN AGAIN PORTRAYED AS "OBSTACLE TO PEACE." GUMHURIYYA CLAIMS ISRAEL HAS DISTORTED EGYPTIAN POSITION DELIBERATELY UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THAT WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO ISSUE STATEMENT EARLY YESTERDAY REASSERTING EGYPTIAN POSITION, BASED ON: NO CONCESSIONS TO TERRITORY OR SOVEREIGNTY; AND THE ASWAN FORMULA, WHICH "ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND U.S. PRESIDENT CARTER", CALLING FOR PALESTINIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE; ISRAEL AGAIN CALLED ON TO DECLARE READINESS TO WITHDRAW. AKHBAR EDITORIAL NOTES THAT ISRAELI NEGOTIATOR IN IMPASSE BECAUSE HE KNOWS U.S. IDEAS AND WORLD TRENDS SUPPORT EGYPT.

5. AFRICA. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL LINKS LONDON MEETING WITH THAT IN KHARTOUM, SAYING THAT AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY IS ANOTHER SOURCE OF SUPPORT FOR SADAT INITIATIVE. SADAT CONFIDANT ANIS MANSOUR, WRITING IN AHRAH, SEES FOREIGN INTERVENTION SERIOUS MATTER WITH WHICH KHARTOUM MUST DEAL. REPEATED U.S. WARNINGS DOING NO GOOD. MANSOUR DEPLORES U.S. "CHILDISH" FEAR OF GETTING MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN AFRICA. SCARRITT

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